

# Augustana Lutheran Church

Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:30 AM, January 28, 2024

4th Sunday after Epiphany

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Mark your calendars for a most interesting and informative afternoon with the **J.O.Y. Group** on **Thursday, February 15th at 2:00 pm** in the Augustana Fellowship Hall. **“Experience Turkey (Türkiye) through the Eyes of a Tourist”**

Our very own, **Angie and Merv Johnson**, would like to invite the JOY group and anyone interested to share in a PowerPoint presentation and discussion of their recent tour of Turkey in October 2022.

Experience the wonders of the *Ancient Spice Road*, the famed *Trojan Horse of Troy*, follow in the footsteps of the *Apostle Paul to Ephesus*, visit the *House of the Virgin Mary*, share in a sunrise balloon ride, and so much more, but you have to attend for more surprises.

Prepare your taste buds to savour an *authentic Turkish Taste experience*. Spoiler alert, there is no pork in Turkey - any guesses as to why that might be?

Be prepared to be astounded by the delights of the Ancient World and the many biblical references you will encounter in this presentation. Everyone is welcome & encouraged to attend this fun-filled afternoon!

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### Upcoming Panel Discussion Within A Year of Intention

'A Year of Intention' - a series of four online events celebrating LTS's commitment to being a Reconciling Christ school - continues in early February with a panel discussion. **On Thursday, February 8, 7:30-9:00 PM**, a webinar featuring LTS's Rev. Kyle Schiefelbein-Guerrero and St. Andrew's College's Dr. Becca Whitla, among others, will be investigating liturgical resources that center LGBTQIA2S+ people and communities. If you would like to attend this webinar and get more information, please [click here](#).

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The **10th Annual LutherCare Stair Climb Challenge** will take place at Luther Tower on **Feb. 9th, 2024, at 11 AM**. The **Forever-in-Motion group has entered a team in the LutherCare Stair Climb** and are looking for sponsors. There will be a pledge sheet on the bulletin board. Alternatively, contact Sandra Cey or Marie Ebert. It is hoped that each team will raise at least \$500. The Stair Climb Challenge enhances the quality of lives of LutherCare residents by providing much needed equipment, renovations, and improvements. This year, funds raised will be used to purchase Obie Projectors for our 11 Group Homes that serve individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities. Thank you for supporting this Challenge!

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## UPCOMING LENTEN SERVICES

| Date                                  | Host              | Preacher         |
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| Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup> , Ash Wednesday | Zion Lutheran     | Resurrection     |
| Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup> , Lent 1        | Resurrection      | Trinity Lutheran |
| Feb. 28, Lent 2                       | Good Shepherd     | King of Glory    |
| March 6, Lent 3                       | Trinity Lutheran  | Augustana        |
| March 13, Lent 4                      | Redeemer Lutheran | Good Shepherd    |
| March 20, Lent 5                      | Augustan Lutheran | Zion Lutheran    |

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**LutherCare Communities and Saskatchewan Synod are working together to raise money for Telemiracle** (Feb. 24& 25). If interested, you are invited to participate by purchasing a “Helping Hand”. You can leave a donation at the church office (name, address, cash or cheques made out to Telemiracle, and fill out a “Helping Hand” with your name on it. The “Helping Hands” will be placed in a designated space in the church. **All donations will be forwarded to LutherCare Communities by February 14<sup>th</sup>** and your tax receipt will come from Telemiracle.

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**Shelving is urgently needed for the Synod archives** which are being temporarily (due to circumstances beyond our control) held at Zion Lutheran Church, Saskatoon. We could use 5, 5 shelf units (utility style) that can hold fairly heavy boxes. Please contact Synod archivist Michael Diegel at [michaeldiegel6@gmail.com](mailto:michaeldiegel6@gmail.com) or the Synod Office if you can help.

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**Global Mission Sunday** will take place on **February 4, 2024**. And **Diaconal Ministry Sunday** is on **February 25** this year.

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The **2024 National Worship Conference** titled **‘The Stones Cry Out: Praying with the Land’** will be held on **July 18-21, 2024** in Regina. Gifted keynote speakers will help us to think and talk and pray about the ways in which we can transform our worship, in authentic ways, from language and image of empire and colonialism to one which recognizes our rich multi cultural and Indigenous heritage. Together we will explore our own experiences, biases, and hopes for new ways of being the church!

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### ELCIC Homophobia, Biphobia, Transphobia Task Force

The ELCIC is looking for volunteers to fill a number of positions in the Homophobia, Biphobia, Transphobia Task Force. Applications will be reviewed by the National Office. The ELCIC hopes to appoint a diverse and effective team. For more information, contact Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the Bishop, Diversity Equity, and Inclusion, [cramirez@elcic.ca](mailto:cramirez@elcic.ca) [Apply online](#).

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